

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 2-18 and 30-32 are pending in this application.

Claim 1 is rejected.

Claims 2-4 are objected to.

Claim 1 has been canceled, without prejudice.

Claims 2, 15 and 16 have been amended. Support for these amendments can be found throughout the specification, claims, and drawings, as originally filed.

Allowable Matter

Applicant kindly thanks Examiner for allowing claims 5-18 and 30-32. Applicant has reviewed these allowable claims and has made amendments to claims 15 and 16. More specifically, Applicant has amended claim 15 to delete the language "the fob" since it lacks antecedent basis, and has added the term "said remote transmitter" in order to correct the error. With respect to claim 16, Applicant has added the word "remote" in order to more clearly designate that the transmitter is a "remote transmitter" as set forth in claim 15, from which claim 16 depends. Applicant believes that these amendments add no new matter and do not affect the allowability of the claims.

Claims 2-4 were objected to for being dependent upon a rejected base claim. It was indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant now submits amended claim 2 which includes all of the limitations set forth in claim 1, from which claim 2 depended. Applicant now submits that claims 2-4 are in allowable format since claim 2 has been amended and claims 3-4 depend from claim 2. Furthermore, in order to move the case to allowance, the Applicant has cancelled claim

1 without prejudice. Therefore, all pending claims have been indicated by the Examiner to be allowable. Applicant now respectfully requests allowance of the present application.


CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the above amendments and remarks the claims 2-18 and 30-32, as amended, are patentably distinguishable because the cited patents, whether taken alone or in combination, do not teach, suggest or render obvious, the present invention. Therefore, Applicant submits that the pending claims are properly allowable, which allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicant's undersigned attorney at (248) 364-4300 if any unresolved matters remain.

Respectfully submitted,

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